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CROP PRODUCTION – JUNE 2015

MONTANA HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production in Montana, based on conditions as of June 1, 2015, is forecast at 101.20 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 7 percent from the May 1 forecast and 10 percent above the 91.84 million bushel crop produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 2.30 million acres, is unchanged from May 1, and 60,000 acres more than the 2.24 million acres harvested in 2014. As of June 1, the average yield is forecast at 44.0 bushels per acre, 3.0 bushels above the May 1 forecast, and 3.0 bushels above last year's final yield.

As of May 31, Montana's winter wheat crop condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 37 percent good, and 19 percent excellent, compared with 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 18 percent excellent last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2014. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and up 1.9 bushels from last year. Hard Red Winter production, at 887 million bushels, is up 4 percent from last month. Soft Red Winter, at 414 million bushels, is down less than one percent from the May forecast. White Winter, at 204 million bushels, is up slightly from last month. Of the White Winter production, 12.4 million bushels are Hard White and 191 million bushels are Soft White.

Durum wheat production in Arizona and California is forecast at a collective 16.9 million bushels, up 59 percent from last year. In Arizona, 15 percent of the acreage was harvested by May 31, four percentage points ahead of last year and 5 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.